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## 108 *Great Places should help development*

So the Iowa Great Places board has selected three communities for the first pilot projects in order to provide additional help and funding to them ("Great Places Tag Granted to 3 Projects," Oct. 4).

Included is a lighthouse in Clinton. Excuse me? A lighthouse along the Mississippi River? Would the lighthouse be built because Iowa has a

history in the world of ocean-going vessels and sea travel?

Also included is assistance to Sioux City to "revitalize the area [downtown] and better connect it with the nearby riverfront and stockyards." Why would we want to be better connected to the stockyards? I'm not sure how that would help Sioux City's

downtown development.

While some portions of the projects selected are certainly with merit, the board might have been a little shortsighted and gone overboard in an effort to be geographically equitable by choosing these projects.

—J.M. Anderson,  
Washington.